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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the template store has access to a plurality of versions of each interest, each version corresponding to an entity type, and the identifying means is further arranged to filter interests within the retrieved template in dependence on the entity type.

5. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein an interest is characterised by a plurality of sets of subject-related data and/or attributes classifying the interest.

6. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, further comprising means for characterising an interest for loading onto a template, said characterising means comprising means for retrieving subject-related data from information accessed by one or more users.

7. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, including means arranged to receive data indicative of relationships between entity types, and to modify interests in the mapping store in dependence on the received data.

8. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the classification means is in operative association with a data structure, elements of which are representative of entity type.

13. (Amended) A user profile according to claim 11 [or claim 12], wherein the second data includes data describing the priority of the first data to the user.

14. (Amended) A user profile according to [any one of claims 11 to 13] claim 11, wherein the second data includes data describing duration of relevance of the first data to the user

15. (Amended) A user profile according to [any one of claims 11 to 14] claim 11, wherein the second data includes data indicative of an expertise level of the user in respect of the first data

16. (Amended) A user profile according to [any one of claims 11 to 15] claim 11, wherein the second data includes preference data describing preferences of the user in respect of the first data

18. (Amended) A user profile according to [any one of claims 11 to 17] claim 11, wherein the second data includes data indicative of the extent to which the first data should be made available to other users.

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REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

Respectfully submitted,

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